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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First named inventor: Abdulahi Mohamed

Application No.: 09/964,590

Art Unit:

Filed: September 28, 2001

Examiner:

Title: ELECTRONIC DISPLAY WITH MULTIPLE PRE-PROGRAMMED MESSAGES

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of an Extension of time request and Response to Missing Parts (identify type of reply):

- ☒ has been filed previously on March 25, 2002  
☐ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_  
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to be (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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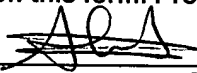
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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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Signature

MARCH 11, 2005  
Date

Abdulahi Mohamed  
Typed or printed name

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Registration Number, if applicable

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- Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment
- ☐ Reply
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
- ☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR 1.8(a)]

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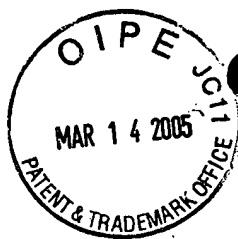
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MOHAMED, Abdulahi

Serial No.: 09/964,590

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Statements Establishing Unintentional Delay

1. The instant application was filed on behalf of the applicant by his agent. The applicant placed reliance on his agent for maintaining the application in good standing and prosecuting the application.
2. On October 26, 2001, the USPTO mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts to the applicant's agent.
3. On March 25, 2002, the applicant's agent submitted to the USPTO:
  - a. Fee Transmittal Form,
  - b. Petition for Extension of Time,
  - c. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts,
  - d. Declaration, Power of Attorney and replacement drawings in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, and

- e. a check for \$525 as payment of the three month extension of time (Fee Code 217) and the late filing fee for the Declaration (Fee Code 205).
4. A return post card that was received by the applicant's agent indicates that the above material was timely received by the Technology Center 2600 on March 25, 2002. A copy of the date-stamped postcard is attached.
5. A copy of items 3 (a), (b), (c) and the replacement drawings in item (d) are attached. The applicant does not have a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney of item (d) in his possession. A new Declaration is provided herewith to replace the one which was submitted with the March 25, 2003 reply.
6. The applicant was advised by his agent that the response was filed and that prosecution of the application would proceed on its merits. Subsequently, the applicant heard nothing further from his agent about the status of the application.
7. On or about January of 2004, the applicant placed a telephone enquiry to the USPTO to determine when the application would be examined. At that time, the applicant was informed that the application had been abandoned.
8. The applicant had no prior knowledge of the fact that the application had been abandoned for failure to file a response to the Notice to File Missing Part, and that a Notice of Abandonment had been mailed to his agent on November 12, 2003.
9. The applicant telephoned his agent and informed him of the abandoned status of the application and provided him with a telephone number to call at the USPTO.
10. Thereafter, the applicant was made aware that his agent had received a Notice of Abandonment on November 26, 2003.
11. On May 11, 2004, the applicant's agent faxed a letter to the USPTO explaining that a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts had in fact been filed, and provided a copy of the return post card showing the receipt of the response by the USPTO. A copy of this letter is attached.
12. The applicant's agent received an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission from the USPTO indicating that the agent's letter was received. A copy of this document is attached.
13. Subsequent to May 11, 2004, the applicant contacted his agent on several occasions to check on the status of his application. He was told to wait until the USPTO responded to the May 11, 2004 letter.
14. Thereafter, in late 2004, the professional relationship between the applicant and his agent began to deteriorate, and now the applicant is assuming conduct of this application.

15. Until January 2004, when the applicant telephoned the USPTO and was informed of the abandonment, he was under the belief that his application was in good standing and that prosecution was proceeding on the merits.
16. Upon learning of the abandoned status of the application, the applicant instructed his agent to take the necessary steps to correct the apparent error in the abandonment of the application. The applicant relied on his agent in this regard. Thereafter, the applicant believed that the matter was being handled by his agent.
17. Since it has become apparent to the applicant that the agent's actions have been unsuccessful, the applicant is taking matters into his own hands in reviving the application.
18. The abandonment of the application and the delay up to the filing of the petition herein has been unintentional.
19. Accordingly, the applicant petitions to revive the present application on the grounds of unintentional delay.

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Of Notice to File Missing Parts; Declaration,  
Power of Attorney, Replacement drawings and  
Check for \$525.00 to Group Art Unit 2632  
Re: SN 09/964,590; 9/28/01; MOHAMED;

Bruce Green; OYEN; M510 0005





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# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	09/964,590
Filing Date	09/28/2001
First Named Inventor	Abdulahi Mohamed
Group Art Unit	2632
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	M510 0005

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## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
- ☒ Fee Attached
- ☐ Amendment / Reply
- ☐ After Final
- ☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)
- ☒ Extension of Time Request
- ☐ Express Abandonment Request
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Response to Missing Parts/  
Incomplete Application
- ☒ Response to Missing Parts  
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

- ☐ Assignment Papers  
(for an Application)
- ☒ Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☐ Petition
- ☐ Petition to Convert to a  
Provisional Application
- ☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation  
Change of Correspondence  
Address
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Request for Refund
- ☐ CD, Number of CD(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ After Allowance Communication  
to Group
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Board  
of Appeals and Interferences
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Group  
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- ☐ Proprietary Information
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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Bruce M. GreenSignature  
Date  
March 22, 2002

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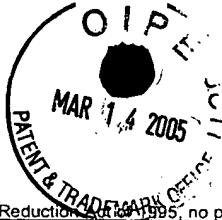
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$) 525

**Complete if Known**

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Filing Date	09/28/2001
First Named Inventor	Abdulahi Mohamed
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	2632
Attorney Docket No.	M510 0005

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:
- Deposit Account Number: 021037
- Deposit Account Name: Oyen Wiggs Green & Mutala

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.272. ☒ Payment Enclosed:☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION**

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent Claims	-3** =	X	

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	460
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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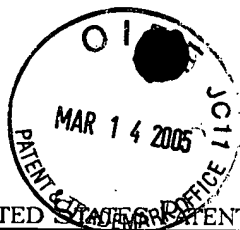
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

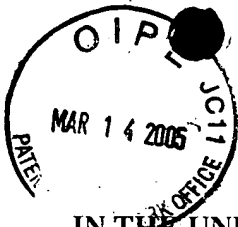
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Patent Examining Operations

Patent Application

Inventor(s): Abdulahi Mohamed

Title: **ELECTRONIC DISPLAY WITH MULTIPLE PRE-PROGRAMMED MESSAGES**

Serial No.: 09/964,590

Filed: 09/28/2001

Art Unit: 2632

Date: 21 March, 2002

To: The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

A three-month extension of time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed 10/26/01 is requested. The accompanying cheque includes the sum of \$460 in payment of the required fees. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any further required fees from, or credit any overpayment to, deposit account no. 02-1037. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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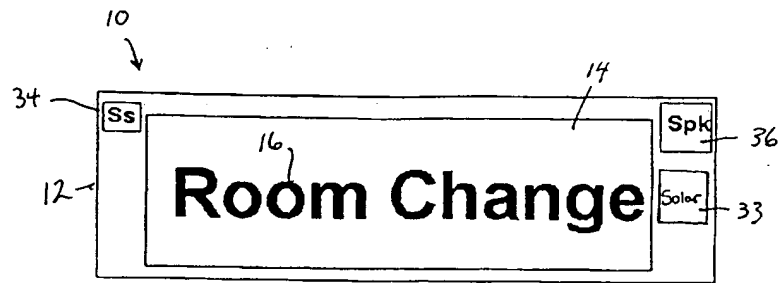


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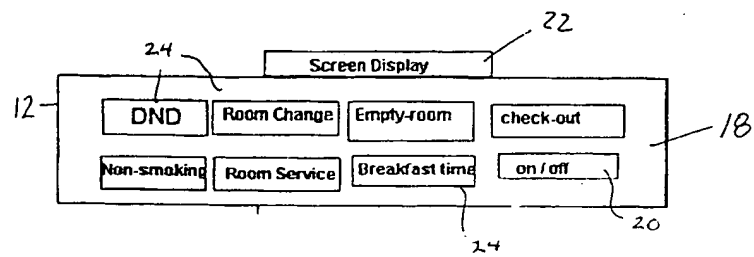


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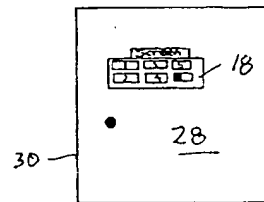
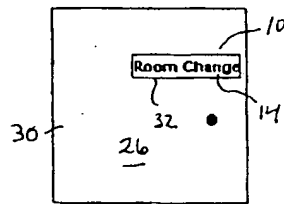


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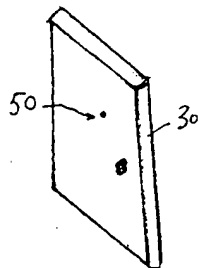


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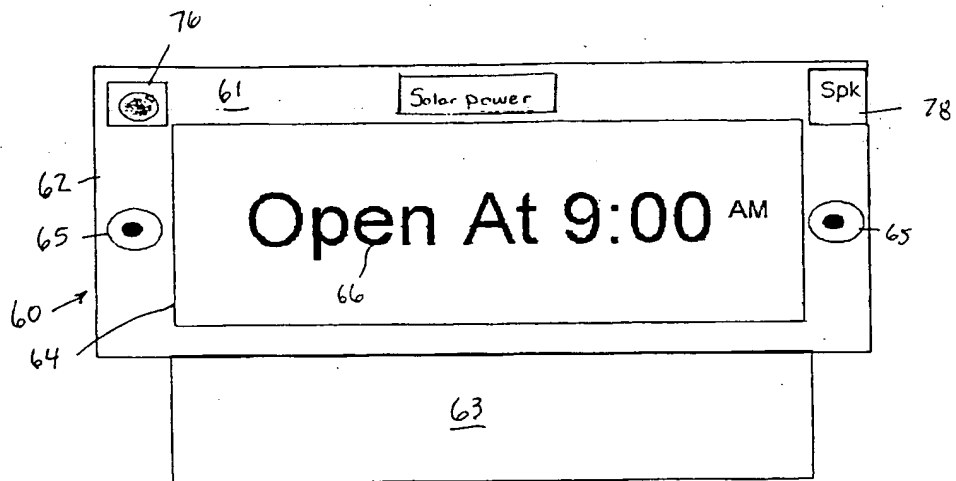


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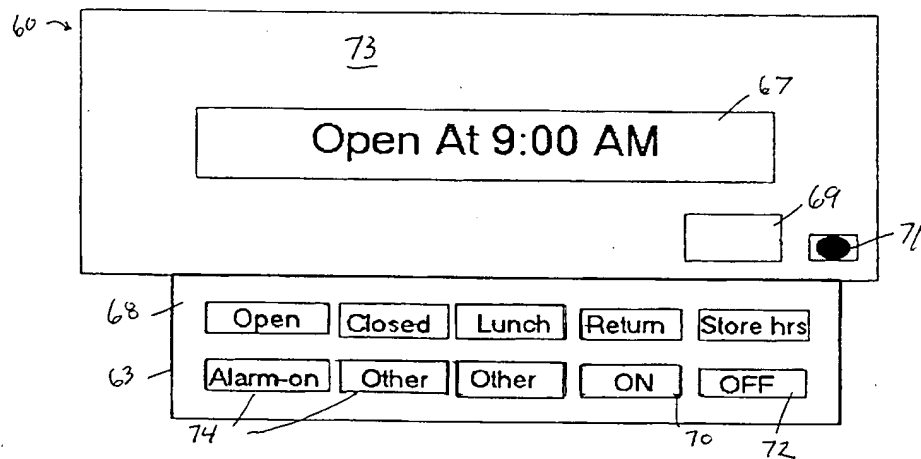


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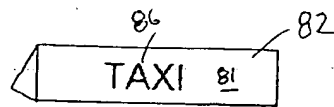


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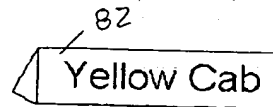


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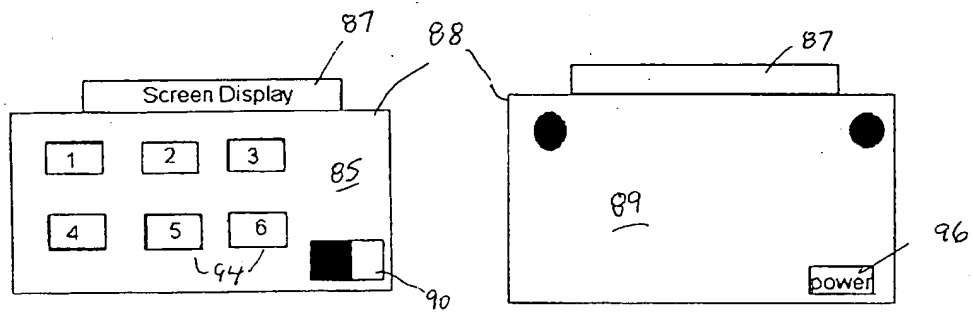


FIG. 10

FIG. 11

Messages

- 1 Taxi - Yellow Cab
- 2 In Service
- 3 Out Service
- 4 Other Messages
- 5 Handicap Access
- 6 Help / Emergency
- ☐ On / Off

FIG. 12

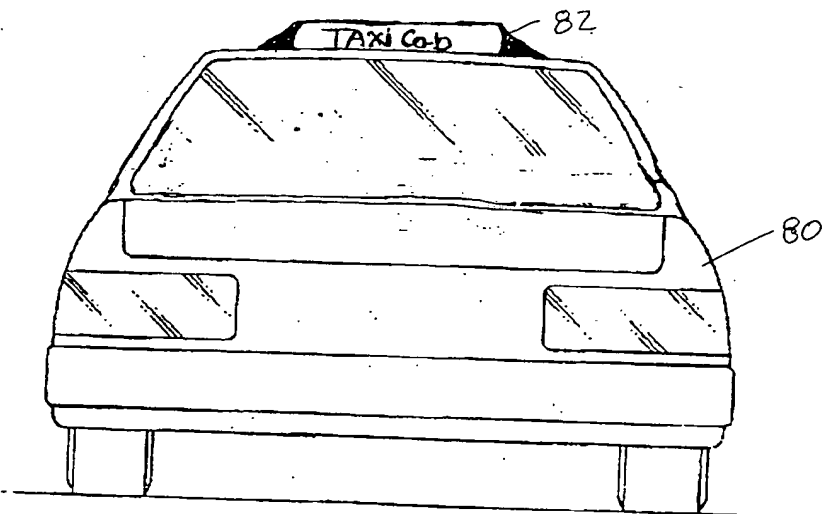


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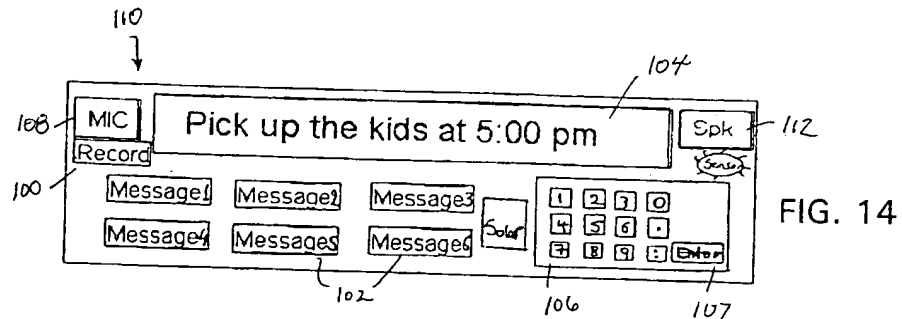


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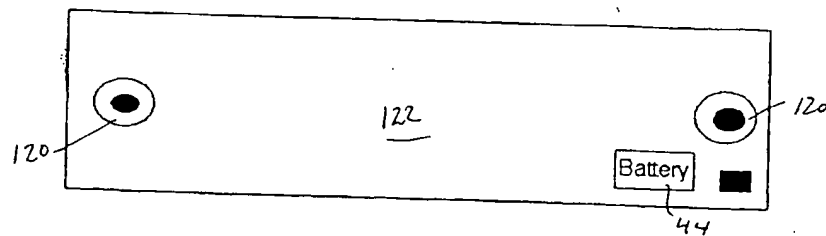


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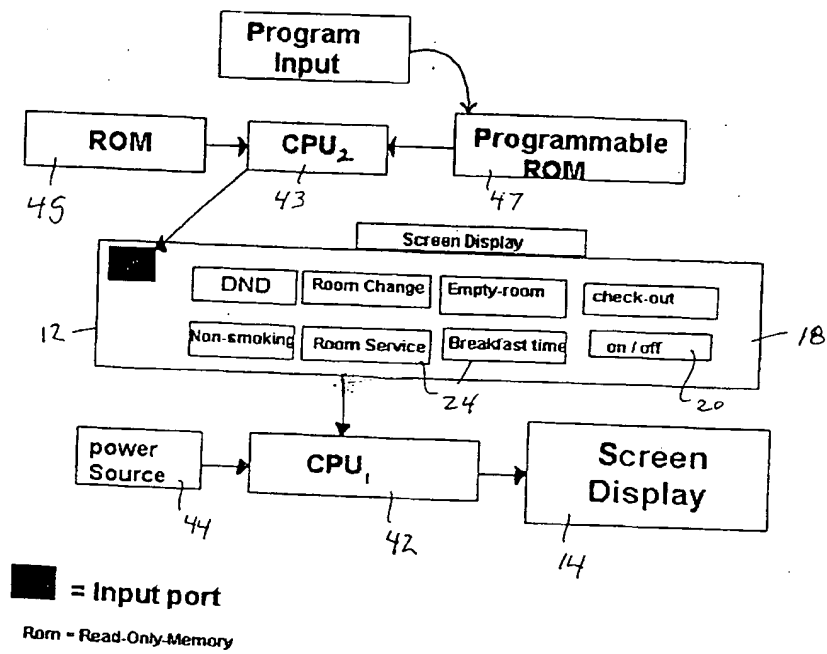


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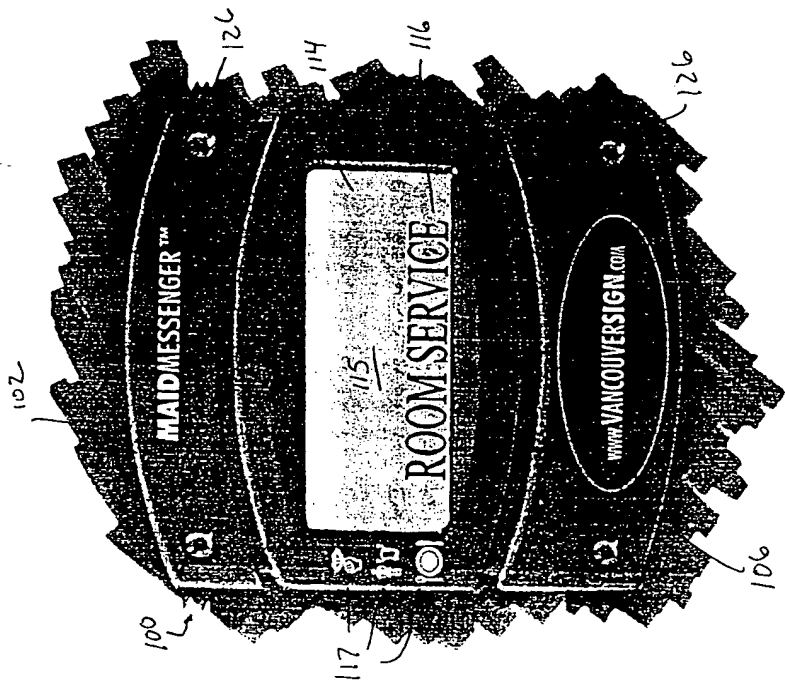


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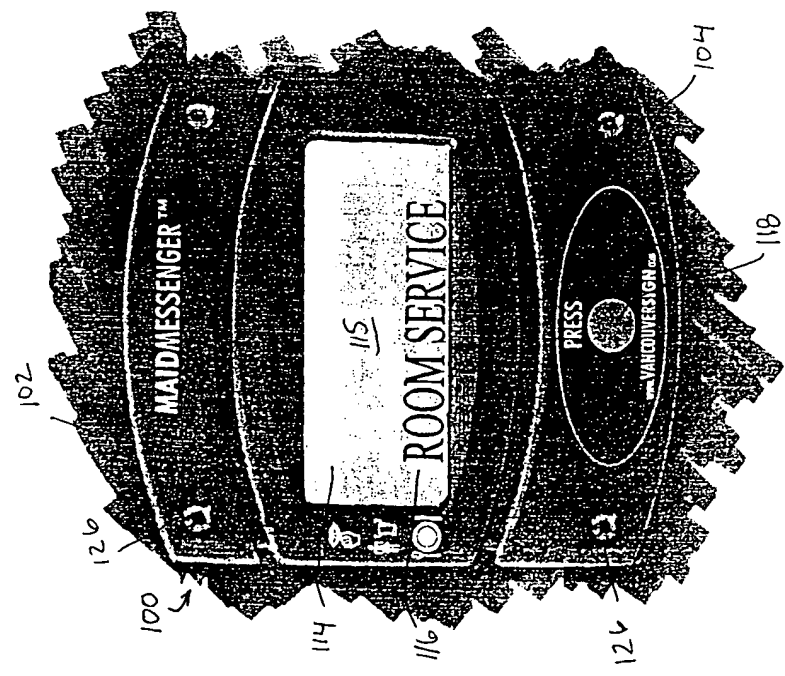


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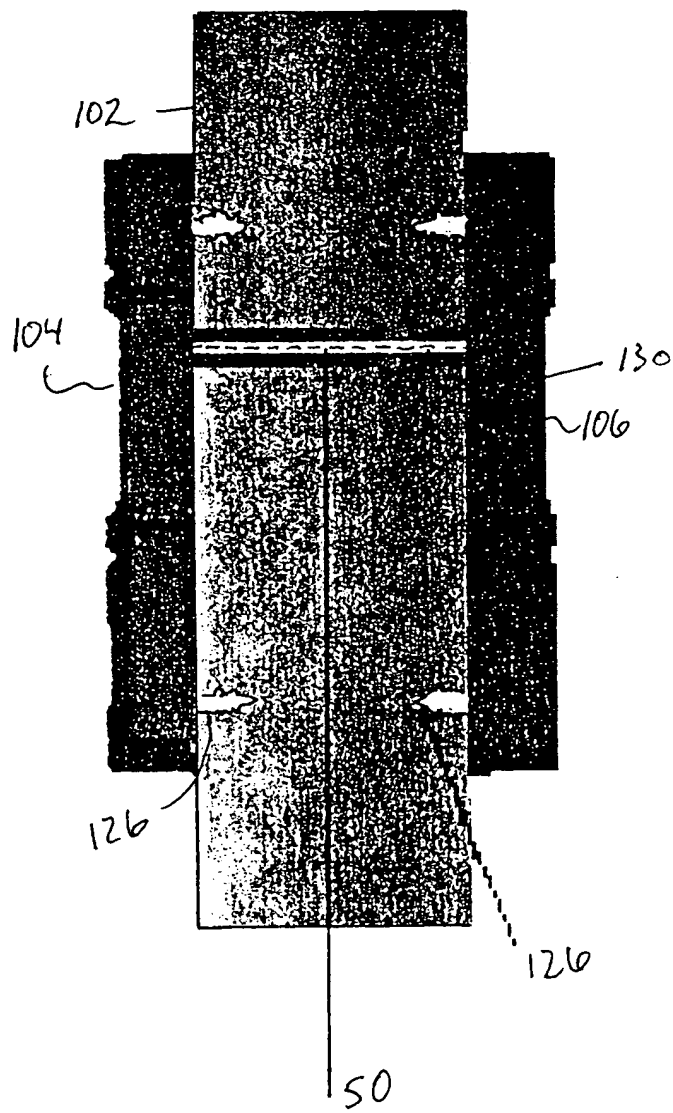


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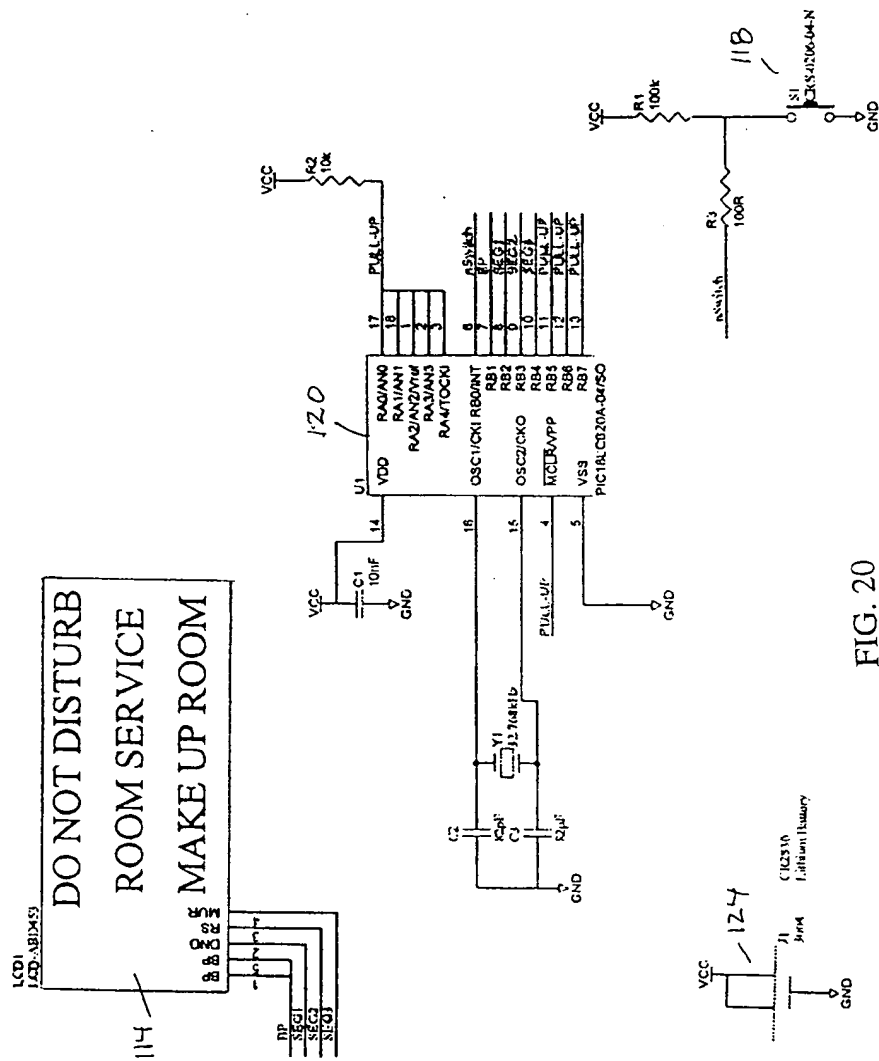
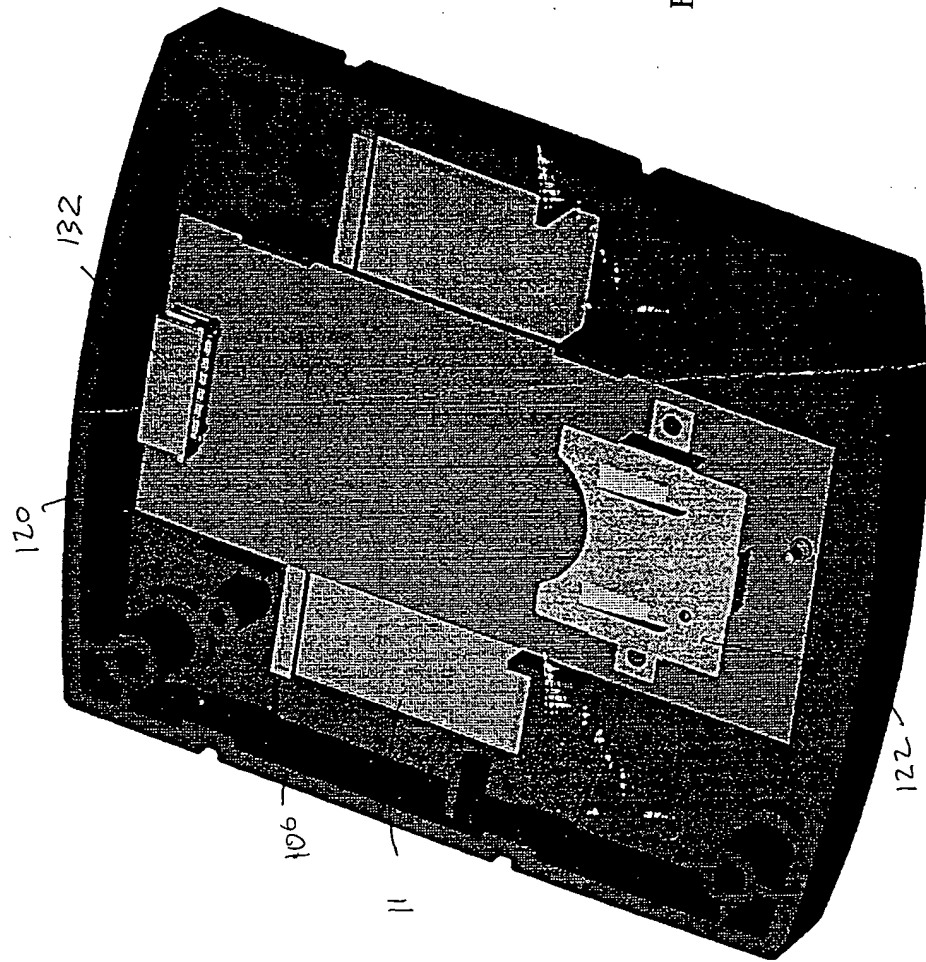


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FIG. 21



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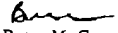
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